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Burke Book Curb Is Reported

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (AP) — Michael Burke has lived an interesting life: president of CBS in Europe, of the New York Yankees and of Madison Square Garden.

This was no less interesting than his career as an American undercover agent in and after World War II.

But after Mr. Burke submitted his autobiography, "Outrageous Good Fortune," to the Central Intelligence Agency for approval, all reference to his efforts to overthrow the Communist Government of Albania in 1949 was censored, the Cable News Network reported Sunday.

Ironically, the writer David Wise said in the report, the British Intelligence Service, M.I.6, permitted the story to be told in "The Great Betrayal," a book just published in England. Mr. Burke is identified in it as the C.I.A.'s man in Rome, where he posed as director of a film company that consisted only of a letterhead and a postal box number.

At the C.I.A.'s headquarters, an information officer, Kathy Pherson, said Mr. Burke had submitted his autobiography for prepublication review "but we don't discuss the specific of what was in the book." Asked why not, she said "because that's between the C.I.A. and the author."

Since Mr. Burke had signed a secrecy agreement with the agency he

submitted the book for approval by the intelligence agency.

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that if present and former C.I.A. employees do not clear their material with the agency, their royalties can be taken away by the Government.